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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE AND ICAF VISITS TO NIGERIA

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1. FOLLOWING ON OUR CONVERSATION OF MARCH 7, MEA AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OLISEMEKA TELEPHONED CHARGE MORNING  
MARCH 10 TO REPORT CONSULTATIONS WITH MINDEFENSE HAD  
CONFIRMED THAT APRIL-MAY PERIOD IS VERY CROWDED FROM NIGERIAN  
POINT OF VIEW, AND IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE PROGRAM  
FOR NWC. REFERRING TO FACT THAT NWC GROUP IS VISITING  
NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES AFTER NIGERIA, OLISEMEKA ASKED  
IF GROUP'S VISIT COULD BE RESCHEDULED, PREFERABLY FOR THIRD  
WEEK IN MAY. CHARGE SAID THERE IS THEORETICAL POSSIBILITY  
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THAT NWC VISIT MIGHT BE SLIPPED PERHAPS WEEK OR TEN DAYS,

BUT HE DID NOT THINK TRIP EXTENDED UNTIL THIRD WEEK OF MAY. OLISEMEKA SAID THE FIRST WEEKS IN MAY ARE "NOT GOOD", AND APRIL IS DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN JAMAICA AND GOWON'S FOLLOW-ON VISITS IN CARIBBEAN WHICH ARE STILL BEING WORKED ON. HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN GOWON WOULD RETURN TO NIGERIA, AND HE REPEATED THAT THIRD WEEK IN MAY WOULD BE BEST FOR NC VISIT. CHARGE SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY QUERY NWC AS TO RESCHEDULING POSSIBILITIES.

2. CHARGE THEN ASKED RE ICAF VISIT. OLISEMEKA SAID VISIT WOULD BE "VERY DIFFICULT". "WE FEEL WE WOULD RATHER HAVE OUR OLD FRIENDS OF THE NWC." (85ARGE STRONGLY URGED THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO MAKE POSSIBLE ICAF VISIT. STRESSED DIFFERENT AREAS OF NWC AND ICAF INTEREST, LITTLE NEED FOR DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND TIME OF KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ICAF INTEREST IN VISITING INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATIONS, AND ITS GREAT SATISFACTION FROM BENIN AND PORT HARCOURT VISITS LAST YEAR. OLISEMEKA NEVERTHELESS MAINTAINED THERE PROBABLY WOULD BE NO ICAF VISIT THIS YEAR. CHARGE ASKED IF THIS WERE OFFICIAL FMG RESPONSE ON ICAF. OLISEMEKA SAID FMG IS STILL EXPLORING THE MATTER AND WE WILL RECEIVE DEFINITE RESPONSE LATER. HE ADDED THAT FMG COULD NOT TAKE ANY DECISION ON ICAF UNTIL POSITION ON NWC IS CLEARER.

3. COMMENT: PROBLEM OF SCHEDULING NWC AROUND GOWON'S COMMITMENTS IS VERY REAL AND PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT IN VIEW UNCERTAINTY OF DATE OF GOWON'S RETURN TO NIGERIA. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHAT PROBLEM IS DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS OF MAY, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICATION WASHINGTON CAN PROVIDE OF LIMITS OF POSSIBLE FLEXIBILITY IN NWC SCHEDULE.

4. NEGATIVE TONE OF REACTION RE ICAF SEEMED TO REFLECT GENERAL POLICY VIEW THAT TWO VISITS IN QUICK SUCCESSION FROM SENIOR MILITARY TRAINING COLLEGES IS TOO MUCH, A POSSIBILITY FORECAST IN LAGOS 760. REACTION MAY ALSO REFLECT FEAR THAT PREPARATIONS FOR TWO U.S. VISITS MIGHT OVERLOAD MEA AND OTHER OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF SCHEDULED SUMMIT MEETING OF ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS) NOW EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN LAGOS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN MAY 18 AND 29. HOWEVER, FACT THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FMG IS HOLDING OFF ON ICAF DECISION UNTIL NWC IS SET APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT IF NWC VISIT CANNOT COME OFF FMG MIGHT RECEIVE ICAF IN ITS STEAD. THIS SEEMS ALL THE MORE LIKELY AS ICAF IS ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR THIRRD WEEK MAY, WHICH OLISEMEKA SUGGESTED FOR NWC VISIT.  
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